

JACOBS REPORTS SAW BIG SCHOOLS

Veteran Mackerel "Killer" Was Mate of Four Master—He Looks for Good Year—Capt. Welch Stopped Some Medium Fish.

A despatch from Lewes, Delaware, received at Boston this morning, states that sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Martin L. Welch took 11 barrels of fresh medium mackerel off Winter Quarter lightship.

Capt. "Sol" Jacobs, the veteran mackerel "killer", who is mate on a four-masted schooner is at his home in this city and reports large schools of mackerel to the southward.

Capt. Jacobs says that in latitude

36.20 he sighted lots of fish while bound up the coast. They were mackerel and for several days would show up just about an hour and a half before sun down.

He spoke Capt. John Matheson recently and told him the news. Accordingly Capt. Matheson set sail in the direction where the fish had been seen.

Capt. "Sol" says things look very favorable for a good mackerel year. He is undecided whether to remain on board the coaster or try to secure a vessel and fit for seining.

WILL OCCUPY TWO LARGE WHARVES

Atwood-Payne Concern Leases Parkhurst, Besides Lantz Property.

The Atwood & Payne Company, which controls many of the steamers of the local gill netting fleet, have leased Parkhurst's wharf on Duncan street, recently occupied by Capt. George Allison of Stonington, Conn., in which they will operate in connection with Lantz' wharf, adjoining.

The concern is endeavoring to con-

centrate its fleet of steamers and the addition of new quarters will give them added facilities for carrying on their extensive business in the buying and handling of fish.

Capt. Allison has sold out his equipment of nets, reels, etc., used in the gill net fishery, to the Atwood Company and returned with his steamers, the James M. Gifford and Nomad to Stonington, Conn.

Shared \$150 Out South.

Schooner Hockomock, which left early in December in company with the schooner Martie Turner to engage in bluefishing off the Florida coast, returned last week and after refitting will start south to seine for mackerel. She had fairly good luck while south, her crew sharing about \$150 each.

The Hockomock has arrived at this port.

Having Engine Put In.

Sch. Pythian is on the Rocky Neck railways, where she will have a 36-horsepower Lathrop engine installed. She will be commanded by Capt. Wallace Walker and will engage in mackerel seining.

Jeff Thomas Getting Ready.

Sch. Sylvania is having her ballast put aboard and will be fitted by Capt. Jeffery Thomas for a Cape North shacking trip.

Going Netting.

After coming off the ways, sch. Manomet, Capt. William Price, will change from shore haddocking and will fit for south mackerel netting.

THE STEAM TRAWLERS.

Action is still awaited from the Department of Commerce on the report of the special committee chosen to investigate the matter of otter or beam trawling, with a view to determining whether it should be altogether forbidden. And while action is awaited the trawlers continue their destructive work.

The balance of evidence seems to be that fishing after this method gradually destroys not only the fish in a particular region but also the very grounds over which they feed. The returns for a few years are large, to the companies engaging in the industry. And the increased supply of fish makes prices lower, or should have this effect. But following this comes the time when fish become scarcer, and prices must naturally rise, at the same time that the use of fish must gradually be discontinued by the multitudes of people who depend on it. In the North Sea this type of fishing vessel has proved a bad thing for the industry. Grounds are either wasted or destroyed, and longer and longer trips must be taken in order to get a fare. The same thing will happen here with our at present magnificent fisheries.

If the United States government forbids this kind of fishing, there seems to be good reason for thinking that the officials of Canada and of Newfoundland will take similar action. There will yet be the menace of the boats which might come from across the water, but if public opinion on this side of the water were a unit, this invasion could probably be guarded against. And our fisheries will be maintained as they have been for subsequent generations.

The matter is one which does not admit of long delays. For a year or two can do harm which will be a long time in doing. There is no larger problem before the Department of Commerce at the present time than this one. People may well call on their Senators and Congressmen urging a speedy judgment. It seems from the evidence at hand to be a case of the people against one or two fishing companies. And the people want a verdict and want it soon.

On the Railways.

Sloop Barbara is on Burnham Brothers railways.

Sloop Marion is on Parkhurst's railways.

Hockomock Going South.

Capt. Edward Smith is fitting sch. Hockomock for a south mackerel netting trip.

STRUCK LEDGE AND CAME OFF

Sch. Manomet's Crew Had to Pump Hard to Keep Her Afloat.

As a result of striking a ledge of Matineus Rock last Thursday afternoon about 1 o'clock, sch. Manomet, Capt. William Price, will have to have a new keel and rudder put on.

The vessel struck the ledge in the early afternoon when she was going along about ten knots an hour. She began to take in so much water that it was necessary for four men to man the pumps at a time. At one time it looked as if the crew would have to abandon the vessel but by hard work the vessel was brought into Vinal Haven and was towed to this port from there. The damage is being repaired on Burnham Brothers' ways.

SOME BAIT NOW AT QUEENSPORT

Amherst Harbor, April 24—Some ice yet, but moving away. Amherst Harbor and Pleasant Bay from Sandy Hook to Grindstone still frozen. Grand Entry ice out of sight. No bait reported.

Queensport, April 25—Herring more plentiful today, high as 800 to boat, one vessel baited.

Souris, April 25—North coast and East Point report heavy ice, close packed, with but little open water. No ice in Souris, some herring nets.

Several schooners arrived at Halifax from the banks and report poor catches. This is accounted for by the scarcity of good bait. The Bessie May arrived late Saturday evening and had 8000 pounds of cod. Other vessels had similar catches. The North Atlantic Fisheries have received some 3000 count gaspereau, to be used as bait and it is hoped that with better bait the fishermen will have better luck.

MARTIE WELCH SHIPPED A FEW

The only mackerel news from the south yesterday came by the way of New York, the boats landing 350 fresh mackerel at Chincoteague, Va., which were shipped overland to New York.

Information to the Times this morning states that the 11 barrels of mackerel taken by sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Martin L. Welch were shipped from Lewes, Delaware, to New York. They were taken by Eldred & Haley, Fulton market wholesalers.

The first fresh mackerel of the season have reached here, they being large fish and retailing at 60 cents apiece.

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QUITE A LOT DOWN TO SPLIT

Steam Trawler Spray Among the Bunch Here Today With Fish.

Low prices and light demand for groundfish sent some of the fares down from Boston to the splitters here this morning. Among them being the steam trawler Spray, with 50,000 pounds mixed fish.

Other fares were schs. Adeline, Lucinda I. Lowell, Gladys and Nellie and Rebecca.

Gill netting receipts totalled 55,000 pounds, the boats lifting for the first time since Monday. The season is fast drawing to a close, and by the end of a couple of weeks, there will be a marked decrease in the size of the fleet.

- Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**
- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Sch. Adeline, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, via Boston, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Gladys and Nellie, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Rebecca, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Spray, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 3800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Venture, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Julia May, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Orion, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Anna T. gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Sch. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Alice, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Quartette, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Hake, \$2.00.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.10.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Fresh halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 11c for gray.

BOSTON HAS BUT FEW FISH TODAY

Boston had but little to offer in the way of fish arrivals this morning. Outside of the beam trawler Wave, which had 72,000 pounds, the fares were small.

Prices ruled low, wholesalers paying \$1.50 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$2.75 for large and \$1.75 for market cod, \$1.25 to \$2.50 for hake and \$2.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod.
- Str. Wave, 60,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 22,000 cod.
- Sch. Actor, 14,500 cod.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Minnie, 1400 cod.
- Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 10,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, 1000 haddock, 19,000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.50.

Provincetown Fishing News.

Tom Sharkey and Adam Luke, two New Bedford fishermen who left Vineyard Haven in their sloop Secret for a trip to Nantucket shoals became bewildered when the gale arose and, heading north along the Cape shore in an effort to reach home, brought up early Thursday on Race Point, more than 100 miles off their course. Before their sloop was torn to pieces on the bar, the men were rescued by the Race Point life-savers.

Whaling schooners Ellen A. Swift and John R. Manta sailed for the North Atlantic whaling grounds last week.

Capt. Quinlan Shifts Over.

Capt. Hugh Quinlan who has been haddocking in sch. Esperanto all winter has given her up and is fitting his vessel, sch. Moanam for a Cape North shacking trip.

BOSTON METHODS MAIN GRIEVANCE

Scaleage, Landing Rates, Etc. at New Fish Pier Roundly Scored at Meeting Here of Fishermen to Form Union Last Evening.

The second meeting which had for its purpose the formation of a Fishermen's Union was held last evening in Central Labor Union hall and although it had been expected that Frank H. McCarty of Boston would address the meeting he was not present so several well known local labor men, chief among whom was Antoine A. Silva, told the men of the advisability of forming a union and the benefits that would be derived from joining such a body.

The attendance was much smaller than at the first meeting which was held April 21, due it was claimed to the fact that a number of vessels have sailed during the week. Some of those who had not attended the initial session and were at this one, signified their intention of becoming members of the union and registered themselves with the secretary.

Much of the speaking was a reiteration of the statements made at the previous meeting that the fishermen of Gloucester and Boston do not get what they claim they deserve from their trips and that in order to secure what they consider to be their rights the men should organize. The same ground was covered by the speakers as on a week ago last night. There was some expression of opinion regarding the advisability of admitting the master mariners to membership in the union, but this talk was declared premature by Chairman Silva, who ruled that it could not be legally taken under advisement until the Union received its charter from the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Morrison's Opposed Master Mariners Joining the Union.

Daniel D. Morrison, of the Fish Handlers' and Splitters' Union spoke briefly on the matter of forming a union. He stated that at the present time, there was much dissatisfaction in the method of settling up trips. To secure a better lay for the men, he urged that they organize. In his opinion, the master mariners should not be admitted to the union. He declared that the ownership of the gear was another sore spot. He said that the ownership of a string of gear was a good investment for any man, inasmuch as every one of the crew must pay 10 per cent. of his share each trip and also pay for any gear that

might become lost.

President George F. Rowe of the Central Labor Union addressed the men briefly.

Joseph Bass who also spoke at last week's meeting described the benefits that the Gulf fishermen had received from forming a union. He thought the skippers should be allowed to become members.

Silva Told of Benefits of a Union.

Antoine A. Silva, the principal speaker of the evening, spoke on the same subjects as at the previous meeting. He told of the Trade Labor movement in general and how the fishermen would benefit by becoming a part of the great American Federation of Labor. He said that every other class of workmen knows what wages it is to receive before the members go to work and that the vessel owners know what part of the stock they intend to receive for the use of the vessel of the union and registered themselves. "Therefore," he said, "why shouldn't you men know before you go out what price you are to receive for the fish that you bring in?"

He declared that it was an injustice to the men to have to pay 30 cents a thousand pounds for landing fish at trips and that in order to secure what they take out and land their own fish. He also spoke about the matter of scaleage. His opinion in regard to the question of allowing master mariners in the union was that it was as much for the interest of the captains as the men to become members.

A Difference of Opinion in Skippers.

Reuben Wilson, who spoke at last week's meeting took exception to Mr. Silva's opinion and was emphatic in his belief that captains should not be members of the union because the majority of them were part owners of the vessels and in sympathy with the firms.

John Sinclair said he would like to have every fisherman, captain and cook in the union.

Fine Georges Stock.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Capt. Benjamin Johnson made a fine stock on her recent Georges handlining trip. She stocked \$2341.29 and the high line share was \$116.49.

Another Big Georges Trip.

Sch. Claudia, Capt. Andrew Gourveneau, stocked \$3063 on the recent Georges handline trip and the high line share was \$106.

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PORTLAND HAD A BIG FISH DAY

The gill netters did not have a look-in with Monday's arrivals in the fish trade and the large schooners of the local fleet brought in the largest amount of fares taken out here for some time. The Lochinvar, Captain Toothaker, after being out on the banks for a week or so, arrived with a fare of 24,000 pounds. The Topsail Girl and the Eleanor, two more of the large ones, brought in good fares also, the former having 20,000, while the latter had about 18,000. The schooner Fanny Reed had 10,000, while the sloops came in after their first venture out on the banks for a week or more. They were the Bernie and Bessie with 6000, the Hattie and Elizabeth with 12,000, the Minerva with 5000 and the Herald with 1500.

Capt. McIntyre will not fish in the steamer Elthier any more this year. The steamer has been taken by the Cold Storage Co., and will be used as a seiner. Captain McIntyre has been in the Elthier only during the past winter, and will continue his fishing in the small steamer Mustado, which has been laying up at the wharf idle during the past winter. Captain McIntyre will set out for the banks immediately upon receiving his papers.

It remained for a gill netter to bring in the largest fare of fish Friday and the steamer Mary F. Ruth was the vessel to do it, having about 7000 pounds on board, which was taken out at the Portland Fresh Fish Co. Three schooners came in Friday, the Helen Thomas with 5000, the Albert Willard with the same amount and the A. B. Parkhurst with about 4000. The gill netters in outside of the Mary F. Ruth were the Geisha, Mystery and R. J. Killich, with a total amount of about 15,000 pounds and the Elthier with 3000.

A 12 YEAR OLD GILL-NETTER

Lewis Denot, a 12-year-old lad, is probably the youngest gill net fisherman out of this port. With his brother Frank, they are engaged in gill netting, having secured a small gill net and dory with which they fish each day.

Ice Held Him Off.

Capt. Gus Dunskey of sch. Volant, who left here April 18 on a fresh halibut trip, was in Canso, N. S., yesterday and in a telegram to the Gorton-Pew company the owners said that he was unable to proceed further because of ice in Canso and around the Magdalens.

PRETTY SLACK IN FISH LINE

Few Gill Netters Landed Here Yesterday Afternoon— Nothing Doing Today.

The only arrivals since yesterday here were the gill netters, the steamers landing 35,000 pounds in all. The high liners were the Quoddy, Enterprise, and Little Fannie.

No off shore crafts were reported up to noon.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 650 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 725 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Hortense, south bluefishing.

Vessels Sailed.

Steamer Spray, haddocking.

Sch. Conqueror, shacking.

Sch. Mystery, halibuting.

Sch. Georgia, halibuting.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, Boston.

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Pollock, 90c.

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LITTLE BETTER PRICES TODAY

Fares at New Pier Not Large and Demand Seems to Be Improved.

Prices at Boston were a little better this morning, about normal for this time of the year. The total arrivals since yesterday were 10 fleet of sail and a gill netter.

Sch. Aspinet has a 70,000 pound fare, it being the largest trip at the new fish pier.

Wholesalers paid \$2.50 to \$3.50 per hundred weight for haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 for large and \$1.50 to \$2 for market cod, \$1 to \$2.50 for hake, \$1.75 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Aspinet, 25,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 hake, 30,000 cusk.

Sch. Lillian 100 haddock 300 cod.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 28,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Pearl, 2000 cod.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 21,000 cod.

Sch. Delphina Cabral, 18,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Waltham, 7500 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Esther Gray, 8500 cod.

Str. Naomi Bruce, 4000 haddock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50.

Cod Stock Is Shrinking.

The balance of last year's stock of dry codfish is slowly shrinking, and there is no more to come in from the outports, clean stores will be in order long before any new goods are available, says the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review. Considering the extremely high price to the consumers, the Newfoundland fish now held in Southern Europe is going out very well, and all will be disposed of at paying figures if not unduly pressed on the consumer. In view of the large Norwegian catch this winter, it is a good thing for us that they are carrying over so small a stock, and also, that we will have more to dispose of when our fish is ready for market.

SEAL CATCH OF NEWFOUNDLAND

The seal fishery is about ended for the season and the catch has been fairly good. The Trade Review. The number of seals will reach 230,000, and these are much above the average weight, the voyage may be called 260,000. If the ill-fated Southern Cross had reached port, the total figure would have been about 280,000. In addition to seals caught by the steamers, a good many more than usual were hauled ashore by the men of White Bay and French Shore. The exact figures of shore catch are not yet to hand, but, from what one can glean, that catch will be in the region of ten thousand seals.

Catch In Detail.

We give herewith the catches already discharged:

Beothic 28,141 Terra Nova 24,536 Stephano 22,210; Erik 19,077; Nascopie 18,151; Florizel 17,643; Bellaventure 13,460 Adventure 12,176; Bonaventure 10,760; Viking 10,599; Bloodhound 8,323; Seal 5,987; Ranger 1,585; Newfoundland 538; Eagle 8,263; Sagona 11,045; Fogota 2,936; Neptune (reported) 12,000; Diana (reported) 2,700. Total 230,120.

Lockeport Fishing News.

The weather was bad for fishing last week, and the catch fell. The weather is poor for lobster fishermen and it is all blamed on the lobster being scarce. The Ohio reports 15,000 pounds fish. The total of fish landed from 14th to 18th April was 61,103 pounds mixed fresh fish. No halibut. The list of vessels: R. L. McKenzie 7000 pounds mixed fresh fish; Lylda May, 7000 pounds mixed fresh fish; Togo, 5825 pounds mixed fish; Valmore, 1000 pounds mixed fish; Optiza, 2,000 pounds mixed fish; Oliver, 800 pounds mixed fish; Roseway, 8000 pounds mixed fresh fish; Gladiator, 2200 pounds fresh fish; Blanchard C., 20,000 pounds mixed fish; Olive R., 800 Belle, 1700 pounds mixed fresh fish; Lois H., 1975 pounds mixed fresh fish; Samoset, 600 pounds mixed fresh fish; Julie Opp, 3000 pounds mixed fresh fish.

To Study Water of Grand Bank.

The Bureau of Fisheries has appointed Watson Nightingale, of the Department of Biology of Massachusetts, to study the microscopic plants and animal life on the Grand Banks and on the coast of Labrador, and also the temperature and depth of the water, the salt concern, etc., in relation to fish life. The work will be thorough and the results published in the records of the Bureau of Fisheries.

Ashore and Floated.

According to advices received here the Boston sch. Francis J. O'Hara Jr., Capt. David Keatins, one of the shacking fleet, went ashore at Canso, N. S., but was gotten off again and has proceeded to Halifax to effect repairs.